

# **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

*safe drinking water act — south carolina state revolving fund*

**PROJECT:** City of Bennettsville Compliance with Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Marlboro County)

This Department, under Section 48-5-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, has the authority and responsibility to conduct environmental reviews and approve drinking water preliminary engineering reports (PER) prepared for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.

Our review has determined that the nature of this project is such that a full environmental review is not warranted and that the preliminary engineering report (PER) is substantively exempt from environmental review requirements under the State Environmental Review Process. The Department has determined that the proposed project will not individually, or cumulatively over time, have a significant effect on the quality of the environment, and hereby issues this Categorical Exclusion (CE).

This CE coincides with the approval of the PER and addendum entitled “Preliminary Engineering Report for the City of Bennettsville Compliance With Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule”, dated March 2009. The report recommends blending groundwater with surface water to meet the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule. The proposed project will include replacement of three existing wells and updates to the chemical feed and SCADA systems for the Lake Wallace Water Treatment Facility. The estimated total capital cost for the proposed project is \$1,139,384. The City of Bennettsville will implement the plan.

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